

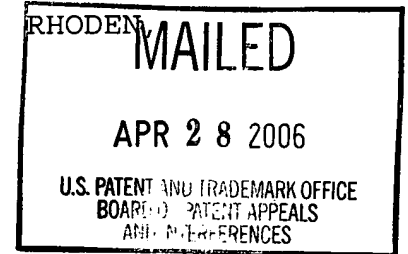
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte QI JIA, TIMOTHY C. NICHOLS, ERIC R. RHODEN
and SCOTT WAITE

Application No. 10/091,362



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 12, 2006. An in-depth review has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

The Information Disclosure Statement filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1) received April 20, 2006, needs to be considered by the examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A written communication notifying

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appellants of the examiner's decision to consider the references submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is electronically returned to the Examiner for:

- consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 20, 2006;
- written communication notifying appellants of the entry status of the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 20, 2006 ; and
- for such further action as may be appropriate.

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